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Didsbury mayor probes for answers

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

It's week two of the helipad closures and the mayors of Didsbury and Sundre are gearing up to counterpunch.

"We are not going to sit around and wait to see what happens next," said Roy Cummings, Mayor of Sundre.

"We will be demanding answers."

The community of Sundre is gathering at their community hall tonight at 7 p.m. to decide what steps should be taken to get answers or the helicopter ambulance landing pad back on track.

Petitions over the closure have been circling neighbourhoods and Cummings is expecting rallies this week from residents angry about the temporary suspension.

Things are also heating up in Didsbury.

Mayor Brian Wittal has spent the last week searching for answers about why the Didsbury Hospital Centre's landing pad was shut down June 30 and to no avail.

Town council wants to know if there is anything that can be done from a community perspective to bring the pads up to par.

This week, town officials will be writing a letter to Alberta Health Services, MLA Richard Marz and Premier Ed Stelmach demanding answers and seeking options to keep the helipad open.

Alberta Health Services announced June 27 that eight Alberta hospital landing pads will be shut down temporarily because they fail to meet amended federal regulations.

According to Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz, Didsbury helipad renovations are pegged at \$385,000.

Over the summer the medical superboard will review the helipads and decide which will be brought to standard and those that will be permanently shut down.

Wittal and Cummings weren't informed about the move until days before the closure was scheduled to happen.

The late notice rankles Wittal, who said he and 40 other mayors met earlier in the month after a leaked memo suggested Alberta Health Services was gearing up to downgrade rural hospitals to acute care centres. The mayors were assured by Alberta Health Services that downgrading was no longer being considered and no changes would be made to hospital services without community consultation.

There was no warning, let alone consultation for these helipad closures, Wittal said.

Although the closures concern him, it's the lack of answers from the superboard that's prompting Wittal to take action.

Originally, he was told by an Alberta Health Services representative the local helipad fails to meet amended Transport Canada regulations, but the federal body denies any changes to its regulations or involvement in the shut-downs.

Wittal said it looks like Alberta Health Services, not a federal body, did the inspection and found the helipads lacking.

"Their story is unraveling fast. Our biggest concern is this whole thing has been fabricated and if that's the case, it isn't a good way to start off communicating with people what is going to happen to their facilities."

Wittal and Cummings say the short notice about the closures and the lack of answers, makes it suspect that the medical superboard is in fact slowly dismantling rural health-care facilities, as was suggested by the leaked memo.

"I really hope mayors in other areas, whether they have a hospital or not, will band behind us and realize these two hospital helipads are very important to our communities," said Cummings.



HERE PIGGY, PIGGY - Adrianna Culp, 3, gets a good grip on a squealing piglet at the Canada Day petting zoo last Wednesday. The zoo was teeming with children eager to pet the rabbits, donkeys and piglets at Memorial Park.

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Miller hopes for a Czech swing at worlds

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Sixteen-year-old Nicole Miller is the only Albertan stepping up to bat for Canada in the Youth World Cup this August.

The Didsbury High School student heard June 24 that she and 16 other girls would travel to the Czech Republic to compete with the world's best softball teams.

"I jumped up and down, laughing," she said of the moment she discovered her name was on the roster. "My mom was crying."

"It was just so unexpected. I never thought I'd get this far."

Over 300 girls flocked to the evaluation day camps in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta, hoping for a spot on the team.

It's the first time Softball Canada has sent a U16 group to the international stage.

The summer competition, which features 12 countries, is meant to showcase talent to the International Olympic Committee in hopes softball will be added to the 2016 Olympic games.

The world cup runs from August 10 to 16 and concludes six weeks before the IOC votes on the Olympic program.

Girls competing on this year's roster also have a shot at the Junior Women's National Team, which heads off to South Africa in two years.

Despite the pressure, Miller says she'll bring her best game.

"I work hard on the field and with my hitting...I clean up."

The Didsbury teenager, who plays first base and backcatcher for the Calgary Rockies, left for tryouts in Saskatchewan with six of her teammates two weeks ago. She wanted to push herself and see if she was good enough to make it to the next level.

"The intensity there was unreal. I was showing what I have compared to all these girls from other provinces," she said.

And the coaches liked what they saw.

"At this age, we look at the ones who can

develop into national team players at the senior level," said Glenn Boles, assistant coach for the U16 national team.

"Miller showed she is a good left-hand batter."

Kevin Pendergast has coached Miller for the last four years and isn't surprised the national team picked her. He himself would build a team around the 16-year-old. But he was caught off guard that an Albertan athlete was chosen at all.

"In the Prairies, we don't get seen nearly as much as the Lower Mainland or Ontario for softball, or any sport for that matter. It was surprising they had already seen enough of Nic that they put her on the short-list," he said.

This is not the first time Calgary has sent one of its softball players to a national team, but it is the first time a bantam has earned a coveted spot.

"Nic drives into Calgary from Didsbury two or three times a week all winter and all summer to improve her game. It obviously paid off."

Pendergast said he still recalls the day when she came to Calgary as an untapped talent who didn't know too much about the sport.

"Now, she's one of our elite players and she's led our team this last year in batting."

In fact, she is an arsenal on the plate, batting over .500 and leading the team in RBIs.

So who is this girl?

Miller is a "quiet leader" and someone who isn't afraid of making sacrifices in the pursuit of her dreams, Pendergast said.

She wakes up at the crack of dawn Tuesday to Sunday and practises until dusk. Where she did have time for school sports and work at the local veterinary office, she now devotes to fine-tuning her skills.

"There have been sacrifices for this. I can't hang out with my friends or go to family things. I kind of get left behind," she said.

Last week, she and the Calgary Rockies headed off to provincials. This week, she plans to compete in the Canada Cup showcase against teams from Alaska and Japan.



READY FOR THE WORLDS - Nicole Miller is heading off to Prague this summer to compete in the Easton Foundation World Youth Cup. She'll be the only Albertan representing Canada in the match.

Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

Mutilated Cremona COW found

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Police are warning residents to keep an eye on their cattle, after one was found mutilated six miles southeast of Cremona.

On June 24, a farmer, who police decline to name, found the body of a dead heifer on his back pasture.

"The farmer and the RCMP were concerned someone had killed the heifer and taken the carcass for meat," said Dr. Janice Reid, a veterinarian with Krebs and Company in Didsbury.

Reid was called in to do a post-mortem on the animal. It was her first heifer mutilation in Mountain View County.

She said she took a close

look at the carcass and knew that before the animals got to it, people did.

"The hide had definitely been cut and separated from the body by a knife," she said, adding it must have been slaughtered five or six days ago.

Meat and organs were taken from the animal, but how much is unknown because there wasn't a lot left of the cow.

A bullet hole was also found in the neck. Reid said it looks like the cow was shot first and then had its throat severed. There was a lot of dried blood around the body.

"If it was a morbid sense of fun or a way to get meat, I am not sure, but it was a disgusting thing to do."

The RCMP has no suspects and is asking residents to keep an eye out for

any suspicious activity.

"We don't want anyone else to lose their cows," said Cst. Robert Newton.

He said the detachment has seen something like this only once before, when an American hunting group shot a cow. They mistook it for a moose.

A livestock investigator has been called in as a consultant in this case. Killing cattle is a criminal offence.

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Bill 202: Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009

Bill 202 would create the Office of the Municipal Auditor General. The Municipal Auditor General would carry out random audits of municipalities and make recommendations regarding their financial statements and any system or program involving public funds.

The Municipal Auditor General would also make recommendations to the Minister about financial information required for municipalities.

Copies of the Bill and related information are available online at

www.assembly.ab.ca/committees/communityservices

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JULY 31, 2009

If the Committee holds public hearings at a later date, parties may be asked to make an oral presentation. Those wishing to be considered for an oral presentation should so indicate in their written submission. Submissions will be made public.

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Mr. Arno Doerksen, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks
Chair of the Standing Committee on Community Services

Fundraising efforts turns Didsbury pink today

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Sharon Wadel is willing to bare her brassiere if it means raising a country music star for Didsbury and raising awareness for a good cause.

She hopes other women are just as keen.

"We are launching a campaign this week to get women to string up their old bras along Main Street," said Wadel, owner of S & J Embroidery.

To get things going Wadel will hang her own bra from her storefront window.

The move for underwear-lined streets is in support of the Wild Pink Yonder horse and wagon train that was expected to money through town today.

The riders started out from Cochrane, July 4 and are slowly winding 970 kilometres through Alberta to Josephburg to raise dollars for breast cancer research.

And if driving a blindingly pink wagon through the Prairies isn't enough to garner attention, the group is offering a free country music concert for the town with the most flamboyant

pink spirit and largest donation.

It's dubbed the Pinkest Little Town in the West contest.

"What is pink spirit? It could mean anything, from planting pink petunias down Main Street to donning pink cowboy hats the day we ride through town," said Jane Hurl, organizer of the Wild Pink Yonder event.

Hurl is tight-lipped about the country music singer prize, saying only that it will be Gord Bamford or Brett Kissel.

Both recording artists are Canadian. Bamford has opened for Tim McGraw at the Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton and launched six top 20 radio hits since his sophomore album was released in 2004.

Kissel is a 15-year-old singer gaining wide acclaim for paying homage to the history of Canadian country music.

Those aiming to support the event in Didsbury want the concert, but weren't sure they'd be able to pull together a pink parade by the time the train rolled through town today.

"This has been very last minute for us," said Lorna Richmond, event coordinator for the Didsbury Agricultural Society.

She said other communities have known since January that

this breast cancer fundraiser was coming their way.

"We found out two weeks ago and we haven't had time to coordinate a big pink event."

Originally Carstairs, a host town for the trail ride, was to provide an overnight stay with dinner, breakfast and lunch. With few volunteers, however they decided to call Didsbury for help.

The Agricultural Society was to dish out hamburgers at the rodeo grounds at noon today to horse riders and the general public.

"We are hoping people show up in pink T-shirts to show support for breast cancer," said Richmond.

Wadel is selling pink T-shirts with the Wild Pink Yonder logo at S & J Embroidery for \$10 this week with half of the money heading to breast cancer research.

Mobile mammography making circuit

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Leading edge digital mammography will pull into Mountain View County this fall, giving rural women better access to screening services. Two 53-foot trailers with state-of-the-art technology will hit the road this July to screen women in 100 rural Albertan communities. The circuit schedule hasn't been finalized, but one of these trailers could be parked in Didsbury by October or November. The Alberta Cancer Foundation, who raised \$11 million for the units in the 2006-2009 Weekend to End Breast Cancer events in Calgary and Edmonton, hopes mobile screening benefits women in remote areas of the province. "If women are healthy and breast cancer isn't something that runs in the family, then travelling two or three hours to access screening services isn't on their priority list," said Linda Mickelson, CEO for Alberta Cancer Foundation. "We want to bring the technology closer to home, so women get tested and lives are saved," she said. The trailers are fully furnished with flat-screen TVs in the waiting area.

There are also extra rooms built in to be used for cervical and colorectal cancer screening in the future.

"We designed these trailers to look like the travelling trunks in the days when doctors made home calls," said Mickelson.

The design is meant to welcome patients, who may not feel comfortable visiting a transient service station. Regular mammogram screenings are encouraged as an effective tool for identifying breast cancer as they can detect a lump two years earlier than a physical exam. Breast cancer survivor Linda Fisher said she is looking forward to seeing a mammogram unit stop in Didsbury.

"I think women's survival rates have increased over the years because of early detection. Hopefully women take advantage of this," Fisher said.

"They are getting the same opportunity for screening as those in larger cities." Mobile mammogram units driving through rural towns is nothing new. Until now, technicians with Alberta Health Services pulled into communities and set up shop in church basements or local halls.

"The response was very positive and many women had screening done, but we needed to update our technology," said Ottilia Berze, assistant manager for Alberta Health Services' screen tests. It was not only a hassle for technicians to load and set up the equipment, but the old software took fixed photographs that could turn out blurry once they processed at the lab. Women would be called weeks or months later for a second mammogram. The new software burps out images in seconds and allows technicians to ensure the picture is clear even before the patient dresses.



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Opinion

Commentary Helipads closed because of Transport Canada regulations

RICHARD MARZ



As the MLA for Olds Didsbury Three Hills, I have been talking with constituents in this last week regarding a temporary closure of the helipads located at the Didsbury and Sundre hospitals.

I would like to assure you that this is an important issue to the government of Alberta and a plan is in place to respond to the notification from Transport Canada.

Transport Canada has informed Alberta Health Services (AHS) that eight helipads across the province do not meet Transport Canada standards. These eight helipads are being closed by AHS effective June 30, 2009.

Two of the affected sites are located at Didsbury District Health Services and Sundre Hospital and Care Centre. Please be assured AHS has contingency plans to support interim patient transfer and to ensure patient care is not compromised. The Didsbury and Sundre sites are only used for inter-facility transfer of patients out of your community. The 2008/2009 annual utilization data for the Didsbury District Health Services helipad is eleven flights. The Sundre Hospital and Care Centre helipad is 12 flights for the same year.

AHS has indicated that an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transportation plan will be developed by September 30, 2009 that will introduce guidelines for the appropriate movement of patients across the province. The plan will consider the needs of the patient, capabilities of the sending facility, location of receiving centre, service level of local EMS units, and determination of the most appropriate mode of patient transportation. The transportation plan will also take into account Vision 2020 recommendations.

Until helipads can be prioritized and aligned with new service delivery objectives, helicopters will use the local airport for patient transfers from the originating community. Local ground ambulance services will be used to transfer patients to and from the airport.

Should you require additional information or have other questions related to the Consort helipad closure, please feel free to contact the zone vice president, Lori Anderson directly at (403)314-6066.

I do appreciate the opportunity to share this information with constituents and want to reassure you that Alberta Health Services is responding appropriately to this information provided by Transport Canada.

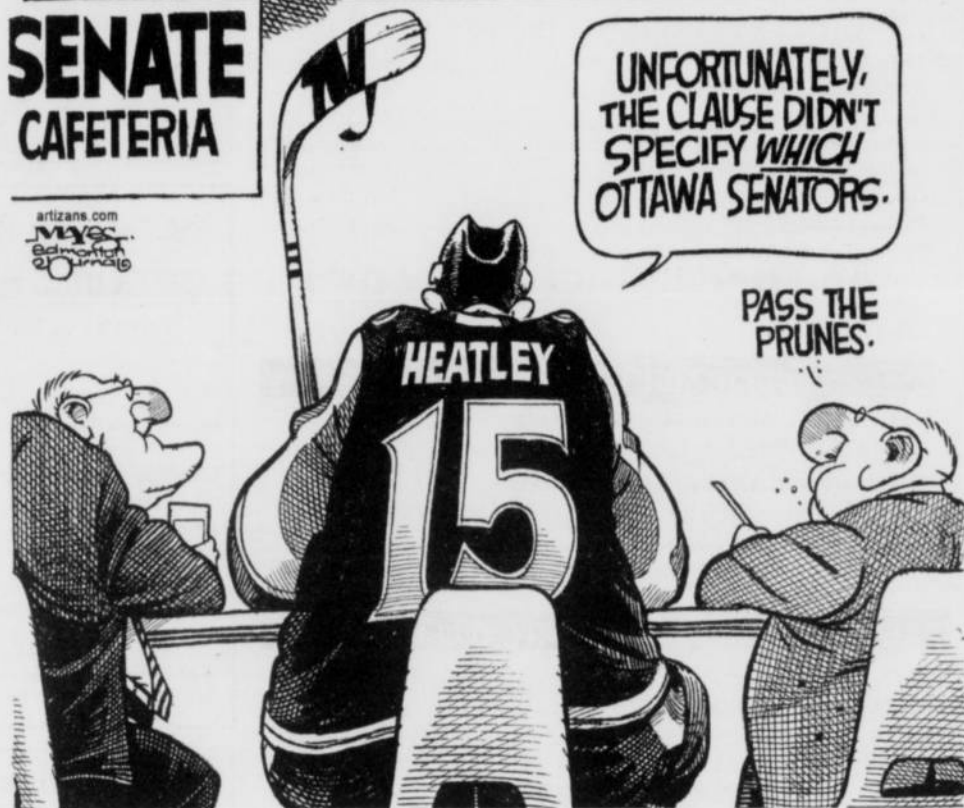
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Richard Marz is the MLA for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency.

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Commentary

West County needs protection too

DAN SINGLETON



When the provincial government started to clamp down on people making a mess of the

Waiparous Creek area west of Cochrane a few years ago, the goal was to stop the rampant environmental damage.

For years the area had become a place where off-road vehicle users tore up streams, creeks and other sensitive areas, causing sometimes-permanent damage through their carelessness and outright disregard for the rules.

Since the crackdown, there has reportedly been a marked decrease in problems, with most visitors now able to enjoy the pristine area free from the damage caused by a few.

For the effort to clean up the Waiparous Creek area, the provincial government should be applauded. Unfortunately, there is growing evidence that the problems west of

Cochrane may have merely been shifted a little ways north to the West Country area west of Sundre and Caroline.

While the West Country has traditionally seen its own share of environmental damage caused by recreational users who ignore the rules, problems appear to be on the rise.

One Sundre-area outdoorsman, who asked not to be named for fear of retaliation, sent this newspaper a letter highlighting concerns he says have become commonplace.

"I was appalled at the number of vehicles I saw coming out of the West Country covered in mud," he writes. "We have some of the finest scenery in the world and the tracks of off-road vehicles scarring the landscape do little to enhance it."

"There should be laws in place for wet conditions, the same as fire bans, to close areas that have had too much rain or wet snow, like most May long weekends."

Anyone who has visited the Eastern Slopes of West Central Alberta knows it is one of the most beautiful natural areas anywhere.

The region attracts visitors from across Alberta, Canada and the world, making it a true provincial treasure.

But like all treasures, the West Country must be adequately protected if it is to be maintained and safeguarded.

The Stelmach government has apparently done a good job bringing adequate new protection to the Waiparous Creek area, efforts for which it should be commended.

However, unless similar consideration, including increased enforcement, is given to the West Country, then wasn't the entire exercise little more than a public relations slight-of-hand designed to make the government look good for Calgary-area voters?

The Sundre letter writer concluded his correspondence with the following words: "As the old saying goes, we do not inherit the land from our fathers; we borrow it from our children."

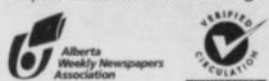
For Premier Stelmach and his ministers, here's another old saying: "If you're going to do a job, do it right."

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: July 10, 2009)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

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Kim Boyd, Development Officer

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July 2009

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Rollout Cart Schedule

August 2009

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The Town of Didsbury

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For further information or questions please contact Byron by e-mail at bsayer@didsbury.ca.



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NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

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Fast-tracking affordable housing necessary: councillor

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

There are few affordable housing units in Didsbury and fewer developers willing to build them.

That needs to change, said town councillor Ernie Ryckman. "We need developers to get involved and that means we can't just encourage they build, we need to insist," he said.

It also means town administration should make the process of getting support for low-income housing as quick and pain-free as possible.

Harvest Builders submitted a letter asking for support on a potential affordable housing initiative in Valarosa Crossing and had to wait until a council meeting to get one. There are usually two council meetings a month.

"We should automatically give support to anyone seeking to build affordable houses. We have very, very little and nothing available," Ryckman said at the meeting.

Council said nothing further about what could be done to fast-track the support process.

Developers usually ask for a letter from town council for grants from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation or the Alberta government. In this case, Harvest Builders was looking for a document to help access the CMHC seed funding for a feasibility study.

"We hope to start our study this fall to discover what the need for housing is here in Didsbury and where the best options are to pursue our project," said Darla Carpenter, owner of Harvest Builders.

She and her husband, real estate agent James Carpenter, see few affordable lodging options out there and they hope to fill the need.

Carpenter won't know until after the study, how much the low-income houses will sell for, but according to the CMHC these shelters should be less than 30 per cent of the household income.

In 2006 the median household income in Didsbury was \$52,844 and so the cost for low-income housing should be \$15,853.

Although the town is doing its best to coax developers to build low-income housing, there have been no permits or formal proposals, said Kim Boyd, development officer for the Town of Didsbury.

"It's tough to get them to step up with the way the economy is. I would think it's not much of a moneymaking venture right now. This will all change eventually, because the demand for affordable housing is growing."

Ryckman said he hopes council will rigorously pursue low-cost lodging, since it's deeply tied to economic development.

"One of the first questions new businesses ask is whether we have low cost housing for their employees...and right now we couldn't say we have anything."

Without homes, he said, companies will most likely turn their eyes elsewhere.

Passion lifts flyers sky-high on Canada Day

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The red and yellow Mojo 65 moves to lift off the runway with Dan Hollington shifting the controls.

The thin-bodied frame wobbles slightly, teetering to one side as it fights a sudden gust of wind. Then it's off, gliding through the sky as its pilot manoeuvres the craft into twists, climbs and hangs.

Hollington is one of about 40 radio-control plane hobbyists who converged on the Didsbury airfield for the Canada Day Fun Fly event.

"This is a fun way to spend the day," said Hollington, a member of the Didsbury R/C fun flyers club.

"I think we've all enjoyed building air-planes and flying them since we were kids."

Hollington was captivated by flight at five years old. Building model planes and eventually becoming a pilot - for both commercial airlines and radio-controlled aircraft, was a natural transition.

"Full sized planes are a lot easier to handle than these," he said as he and his son,

Liam fine-tuned their other craft.

"Left is left and right is right, but with these everything is opposite. It can be really confusing."

Roy Soderberg and his son were also at the event to test out their planes.

He's been building model aircraft for 40 years, spending anywhere from 12 to 2,000 hours on each one.

It's a time consuming and an expensive hobby he said. The average cost of a plane is \$1,000.

"The more expensive the plane is, the harder the pilot's hands shake at the controls. The aircraft have been known to break, crash or land hard," he said.

Spectators gathered at the edge of the pit to catch a glimpse of the models, which ranged from jets to civilian airplanes.

The planes buzzed across the sky at speeds of 60 to 150 mph, twirling and spinning in a show of aerobatics for the crowd lounging in their lawn chairs.

The event has been running for the last 18 years and brings hobbyists from across the province. It only happens Canada Day, but locals are welcome to check out the smaller Wednesday night flights.



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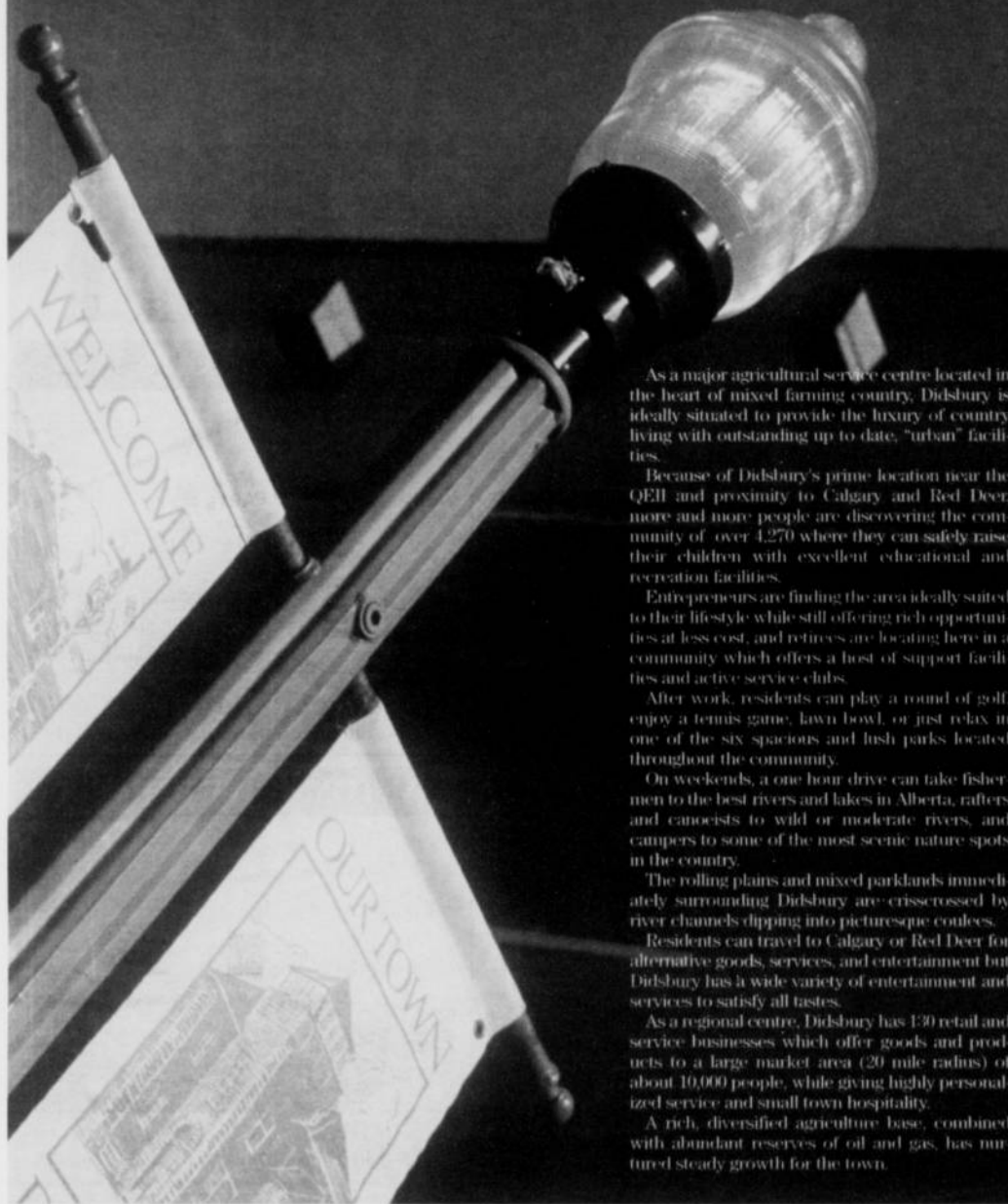
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The rolling plains and mixed parklands immediately surrounding Didsbury are crisscrossed by river channels dipping into picturesque coulees.

Residents can travel to Calgary or Red Deer for alternative goods, services, and entertainment but Didsbury has a wide variety of entertainment and services to satisfy all tastes.

As a regional centre, Didsbury has 130 retail and service businesses which offer goods and products to a large market area (20 mile radius) of about 10,000 people, while giving highly personalized service and small town hospitality.

A rich, diversified agriculture base, combined with abundant reserves of oil and gas, has nurtured steady growth for the town.

This allows Didsbury to maintain a strong local economy. This will ensure continued support for the services and facilities needed to guarantee a high quality of life for future residents. This commitment is reflected in the efforts of the Economic Development Department.

The department actively works with local businesses for expansion. It also seeks industry for diversification in growth areas with the agricultural sector.

Didsbury is committed to establish sustainable industry as much as possible by taking advantage of new technologies and employing them to utilize the abundance of local materials.

The Economic Development department, under the leadership of town council, is responsible for researching and increasing employment opportunities by getting businesses to relocate to Didsbury. The Town of Didsbury also encourages existing businesses to expand, and works to increase the available employment opportunities in the community. Council continually formulates and implements strategies that create an environment conducive to sustainable economic development. Both the Town of Didsbury and the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce are committed to supporting, enhancing, and nurturing business and economic growth in the community.

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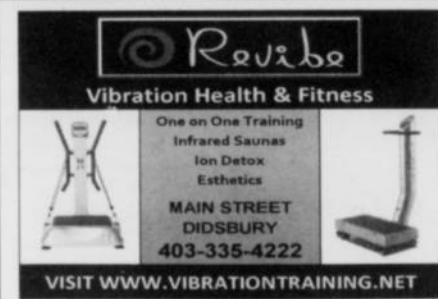
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Neill's volunteering brings smiles to hospital residents

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Lorelle Neill is putting smiles on the faces of long-term care residents at the Didsbury Hospital and she's doing it for her grandmother.

When the Neill family admitted their matriarch to long-term care in 1999, the then 7-year-old went to visit her often.

"My granny really liked me being there and any time she saw me, her face would just light up," Neill said.

It didn't escape her notice that the other residents enjoyed her visits too; so when her grandmother died three years ago, Neill decided to stay on as a volunteer.

"I know my granny would be proud of me for helping out other people," Neill said.

"I am doing this in part for her."

The 17-year-old has been making life at the hospital a little more cheerful for its residents in the last four years. And although she volunteers with her grandmother in mind, she's also logging hours for a scholarship.

"I want to practise forensics and I thought a scholarship

would help pay for that," she said.

When it comes to science, she is a self-proclaimed nerd. Puzzles and the way things work have always fascinated her.

It's why she always thought she'd be a detective or a physicist.

When she started watching the TV crime show CSI she realized she could combine her two loves, science and problem solving and come up with forensics.

Neill is currently on the prowl for a university in B.C. that'll start her on the path and in the meantime she's scooping up awards for her work at the hospital.

She's won two, from each the town and hospital, in the last year.

"This is a girl who is a good example to her peers; there's no doubt about it," said Dawna Faryna, volunteer coordinator for the Didsbury Hospital Centre.

Faryna said the hospital has 18 volunteers, another word for youth volunteers, and Neill stands above the rest.

"She is very dedicated to her job and has a willingness to help. You can call teens and ask them to do extra jobs or extra programs and they'll be too busy. Lorelle is always willing to come in," she said.

Volunteers are vital



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100. Obituaries

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Devine, Lloyd James

Lloyd James Devine, beloved husband of Mary Devine, passed away peacefully on June 29th at the Long-term Care facility in Didsbury, Alberta after a lengthy illness. Lloyd was born on October 15, 1927, on the family farm near Lemberg, Saskatchewan, to Joseph and Annie Devine (Christoffel). Lloyd lived in the Lemberg area, completing his schooling at Rosewood school. Over these years, he developed his skating and hockey skills on the slough in the winter and his baseball skills on the diamond in the summer. Lloyd worked for his Uncle Sam at his store in Carstairs in 1948. He worked for George Wilkins at the dairy in Didsbury for three years, from 1953-56, and then for the Town of Didsbury from 1956-1964. Lloyd will be remembered for his sense of humour, his honesty and his easygoing nature. In the early sixties he discovered golf and loved the game, playing as often as he could. Lloyd won many sports awards over the years and was known as a tough but fair competitor. Lloyd will be remembered in the communities he has lived in- Lemberg, Saskatchewan, Summerland, BC, Didsbury and Peace River, Alberta, as a person who made positive contributions to his community. He had a twenty-one year career with the Town of Peace River. He will be missed. Lloyd spent his final years with Mary at the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury. He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife of 56 years, Mary (Kneesch) and his daughters and their families; Mary Lou and John Gillatt and their sons, Daniel and Jackson; Heather Devine and Andy Mullan and their daughter, Lindsay; Lori and Lorne Burke and their sons, Johnny and Aidan; Lloyd's sister Luella (Ray); brother, Harvey (Allie); sister-in-law, Marlene Devine; brother-in-law, Jim Haggard; sisters-in-law Laura Kneesch and Pearl Kneesch as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. Lloyd was predeceased by his parents, Annie and Joseph Devine; his brother Lawrence (Marlene); sister, Joyce Haggard; and his brothers-in-law, Chuck and Herman Kneesch. Memorial Services were held at Knox United Church in Didsbury on Friday, July 3, 2009, at 2 pm, with Reverend David Gilchrist officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the caring staff of Aspen Ridge Lodge and of Unit One at the Didsbury Hospital for the compassionate care given to Lloyd during his time there.

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Bicycle taken

A \$400 grey Norco bike was snatched from outside Dicks Auto Service in Didsbury on June 23. The bike hasn't yet been found.

Damage to Wander Wash

On June 29 a white camper van with a blue stripe, hit the overhead door of Wander Wash, then left. Didsbury RCMP are looking to speak with the driver to clear up the situation.

Traffic sign torn out

Overnight on June 30, a traffic sign was torn out of the ground on 19th street, near 15th avenue and dumped in a resident's yard. RCMP warn that removing traffic signs could result in a mischief charge or at worst, criminal

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negligence.

Paving scam warning

Olds RCMP are warning the public about two individuals trying to secure small paving jobs in several communities throughout Red Deer and Mountain View Counties.

The two individuals involved are believed to have cockney accents. RCMP have significant concerns about the scam because it is of similar nature to previous incidents and companies operating in the Olds, Sundre, Didsbury and Innisfail areas.

RCMP say the work results in "shoddy workmanship and customer dissatisfaction."

"While police are looking into some matters ... in many, we aren't able to lay criminal charges and victims are left to pursue it in civil court," said Cst. Jacqueline Baril.

RCMP are encouraging people to contact local established companies in regard to getting paving work completed.

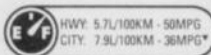
A tipsheet detailing different aspects of hiring a contractor is available at Service Alberta's website at www.servicealberta.ca/1018.cfm. RCMP are urging anyone contemplating getting work done to first get detailed, accurate estimates.

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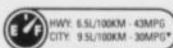


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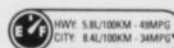


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H1N1 cases expected to drop, then resurface this fall

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Alberta health officials and Chinook's Edge will spend the summer gearing up for a possible September spike of H1N1, the now pandemic influenza.

Howard May, a representative with Alberta Health and Wellness, said the organization expects cases

of H1N1 to drop over the summer and spike again during the regular fall flu season.

The drop in flu cases is linked to students being out for the summer and spending more time outdoors. In September, when the weather changes and students trek back to school, the virus could pop up again.

May said people could develop a resistance to the strain next year, but if they don't the health organization wants to be prepared.

This summer Canadian officials are developing an H1N1 vaccine that the Alberta government could use in a provincewide vaccination program.

"This vaccination is not Tamiflu, which only affects certain individuals, it's a new application," May said. Chinook's Edge is also gearing up for the flu season.

This year the district put its pandemic plan in use with a Level 4 alert.

The alert involves training and educating students and staff. Prevention methods, such as sanitizing surfaces and enforcing handwashing, are also key elements of the phase.

"Basically we enhanced the alert level so we'd be ready to roll," said Bruce Moltzan, associate superintendent and the man behind Chinook's Edge pandemic plan.

Despite having no known H1N1 cases in local schools this year, the district is reviewing and tweaking the pandemic plan to be ready for a possible spread in September.

Jim Gibbons, superintendent for Chinook's Edge said administration will look at better defining a chain of command, so the district knows who to take directive from.

When H1N1 began its reach from Mexico last April, the school district was getting instructions from the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

"Who do we take our information and primary directive from?" Gibbons said.

The district also tried to use the same language as the World Health Organization (WHO), but quickly realized that wouldn't work. WHO has called this a Level 6 flu, which means the pandemic has


spread geographically. But the flu has been mild in Canada and doesn't call for the district to implement the full length, or Level 6, of its plan, Moltzan said.

"We have to look at how Phase 6, a full-blown pandemic, affects us. How do we escalate our level of the plan and what system do we use?" he said.

Summer discussions will also lead to improvements in parent-school communication. Gibbons said he saw parents in other school districts, like Airdrie, pull their children out of school and he doesn't want that to happen here. He said there is a "low risk of getting the virus" in the district.

A new checklist template will also be created, so staff can follow the plan's directives easily.

There have been 627 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Alberta since June 23, 2009. The largest concentrations of the illness are in Edmonton and area, with 362 cases and Calgary and area, with 181 cases this year. Central Alberta has had 26 cases since April and the south, 41. There has been two deaths.



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Little Red Acres
1.8 acre lot ready for your dream home, services to property line, no building commitment, nicely treed perimeter, conveniently located just north of Water Valley



\$134,900

2029 - 18 Avenue
Upgraded older home on a huge lot (80' x 120'), 3 bedrooms, large rear deck with hot tub, large balcony off of master bedroom, zoned residential/commercial



\$229,900

1269 - 23 Avenue
Beautiful 45 + unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement



\$329,900

1324 - 21 Avenue
Unserviced vacant lot in a mature area of town, slopes west to east so good walkout potential, quiet street, no GST!



\$69,900

10 Westhill Place
Affordable start in the housing market, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, newer deck in the large back yard, new shingles, ideal location near schools etc.



\$189,900

#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue
great starter home or revenue property, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, new flooring, good sized fenced yard



\$149,900

THE PORCH BOYZ



HERE I AM
WAITING ON MY
FRONT PORCH IN HAIR!

CONGRATULATIONS DADDY,
ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL RIDE!



7 Carriage Lane Way, Carstairs
Close to completion, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, mahogany hardwood, maple cabinetry, granite countertops, gas fireplace, walkout basement and much more!



\$364,900

2025 - 20 Avenue
Former Evangelical Church! Over 5000 sq ft above grade, 4 bdrm living quarters, zoned commercial, great location, lots of character



\$374,900

#202, 1902 - 23 St.
A tremendous view to the west. Galley kitchen, corner gas fireplace, new carpeting, and paint. Detached garage. Excellent Condo.



\$174,900

2022 - 18 Avenue
Major renovations including addition, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, sunroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' x 30' garage.



\$329,900

1308 - 23 Avenue
45+ Duplex!
Brand new basement development, spacious open plan, 9' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main fl. laundry, beautifully landscaped.



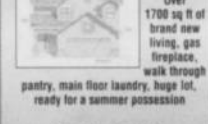
\$269,900

1917 - 17 Street
Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, corner gas fireplace, single garage, reasonable HOA fees



\$239,900

1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs
Great Family 2 Storey! Over 1700 sq ft of brand new living, gas fireplace, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, huge lot, ready for a summer possession



\$353,500

43 Valarosa Drive
Only 3 years old, 1290 sq foot bungalow, fully developed, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, Hickory kitchen, backs onto Rosebud Creek, gorgeous open view



\$369,900

#20, 1706 22 Ave
Excellent Condo Value! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, extensive upgrades, fully developed basement, new flooring, and much more! Cute back yard with deck, patio and firepit



\$179,900

2102 - 20 Street
Great commercial opportunity! 3 commercial lots on busy mainstreet in Didsbury, 130' x 130' total



\$275,000

774 Carriage Lane Dr Carstairs
Awesome 1634 sq. ft. Open floor plan, hard wood, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, ensuite is second to none. Walkout basement.



\$369,900

1421 - 22 Avenue
2 + 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, wood burning stove, newer double garage, huge double lot.



\$269,900

9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs
Absolutely beautiful new home! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, tile, 3 way fireplace, huge ensuite bath, maple cabinetry, high quality and great value from Dreamwood Homes!



\$449,900

58 Southridge Crescent
2 + 1 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, recent upgrades, open plan, beautiful back yard and deck, backs onto park



\$224,900

14 Julia Place
Lovely newer home, fantastic kitchen with island and corner pantry, open plan, fully finished, gas fireplace, in-floor heat, oversized double garage, huge back yard



\$399,900

1507 - 22 Ave
1129 sq ft home in a nice area, open floor plan, newer laminate flooring, wood stove in basement, private front deck, big back yard, single detached garage



\$239,900

1707 - 17 Street
Excellent maintenance free living! 2 bedroom villa, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, double garage, backs onto green space, reasonable HOA fees



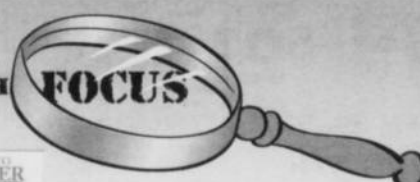
\$264,900

2025 - 22 Avenue
Character and Charm! Original hardwood and woodwork, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, clawfoot tub, covered veranda, close to schools and downtown



\$254,900

FRONT PORCH



A great big THANKYOU
to all who supported Allen in his "Ride to Conquer Cancer". It was a great success with over 6.9 million dollars raised by 1742 cyclists. And yes, Allen actually pedalled every inch of the 200+ km!



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